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Title: METHODS FOR SAMPLING AND TESTING DATA CENTERS FOR METALLIC PARTICULATES

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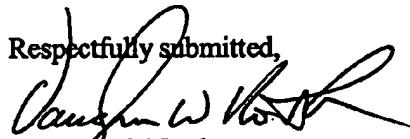
Applicants now submit that claims 1-23 are allowable and respectfully requests that all rejections be withdrawn.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that the present patent application is in condition for allowance and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. Therefore, Applicants request that the rejections be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call Vaughn North at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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Respectfully submitted,  


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